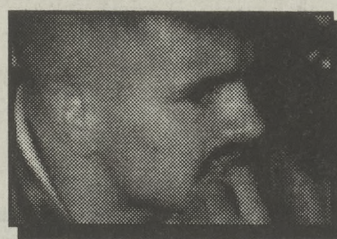


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CAMPUS SCENE



VALLEY COLLEGE SWIMMING CENTER

Men's Water Polo:
Alumni vs Valley. Oct. 10,
7p.m.

THEATER ART BUILDING

Campus Concert Series
presents: Valley Symphony
Orchestra. Robert Chauls,
Conductor. Oct. 10,
2:30p.m. in the Little
Theater. General admission
\$10, seniors and students
\$7.



MUSIC BUILDING PATIO

Concert On the Green
LAVC Wind Ensemble,
Michael Mertens, Director
Oct. 12, 6p.m.

TRANSFER CENTER

UCLA representatives will
see students by appointment
only. Oct. 14, 9a.m.-12p.m.

FIRESIDE ROOM

UCLA Admissions
Workshop Oct. 14, 1p.m.

For Your Information

❖ A King and Queen will
be elected at the home com-
ing game on Oct. 18.

❖ Students graduating in
Spring '98 must petition for
graduation before Oct. 24.

❖ Students can attend a
free workshop on writing
the Personal Statement in
university applications.

❖ A Counseling Workshop
will be held on Oct. 14, in
the Foreign Language Bld.
Room 104 to help students
with job search strategies.

POLICE WATCH

October 3

Thieves unsuccessfully
attempted to break into a
car in parking lot C

October 4

A car was vandalized in lot
E after the football game.

October 7

A radio was stolen from a
car in lot D.

Campus police urge stu-
dents not to leave valuables
unsecured in their cars.
Campus police may be con-
tacted by dialing #30 from
any pay phone on campus.

Information provided by the Campus
Police.

Pay Now or Pay Later

■ **Fines:** Waiting to pay for parking
permits cost you more in the long run.

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Paying \$20 for a parking permit is
cheaper than paying \$25 for a parking
ticket.

The campus police issue between
1,200 and 1,800 parking citations every
semester. The first two weeks of school,
college police do not write citations and
this fools many students into believing
they can go without a permit and not get
a ticket.

"I did that," Valley College student,
Anthony Garcia said. "I thought they
just didn't really enforce it. Now my
pass cost me \$45."

During registration students are
allowed to park in lot B for free.

This semester, Valley College has a
new type of permit. The decal is now
printed right on the hanger. This was
done because many students were hav-
ing difficulty with losing the decal or
switching it to a different car when it
was stuck to the back of the rear view
mirror.

The parking regulations are clearly
printed on the back of the permit and are
numbered on the front. This number is
identified with the students' ID number
so the permit cannot be transferred from
one student to another. It is against the
law to transfer the permit and next
semester, non transferable, will be printed
on the back.

Many students with permits are park-
ing in restricted areas where they know

they can receive a citation. The restricted
areas are: red curbs, green zones, faculty
lots and other posted areas.

Campus Police Captain Karl Traber
says that most of these types of infrac-
tions occur in lot A on the corner of
Burbank Blvd. and Fulton Ave., where
students drive around and around hoping
to find a spot.

When students realize they will be late
to class if they don't park in a hurry, they
park in the red or in the isle.

"They actually say there wasn't park-
ing. What they don't realize is that there
are seven other parking lots," Traber
said.

Students also park in areas where there
is a gate and are clearly posted "off
parking only" signs. Traber says some
students do not seem to understand the
sign.

"I don't know why. Maybe they think
staff means welcome," Traber said.

New students are given a handout on
student parking regulations. There is a
map of all the lots on the back. On the
map, lot G appears to be just as close to
the bungalows as lot A. Also in the
handout is a notice that if a student does
not have their parking permit, a tempo-
rary permit may be obtained from the
College Police Office in Bungalow 59. A
printout of the students' classes must be
shown.

Follow the rules. Pay for the parking
permit and park only in designated
areas. The campus police are not our
enemy.

"We welcome students, Traber said,
without students we don't have a job."

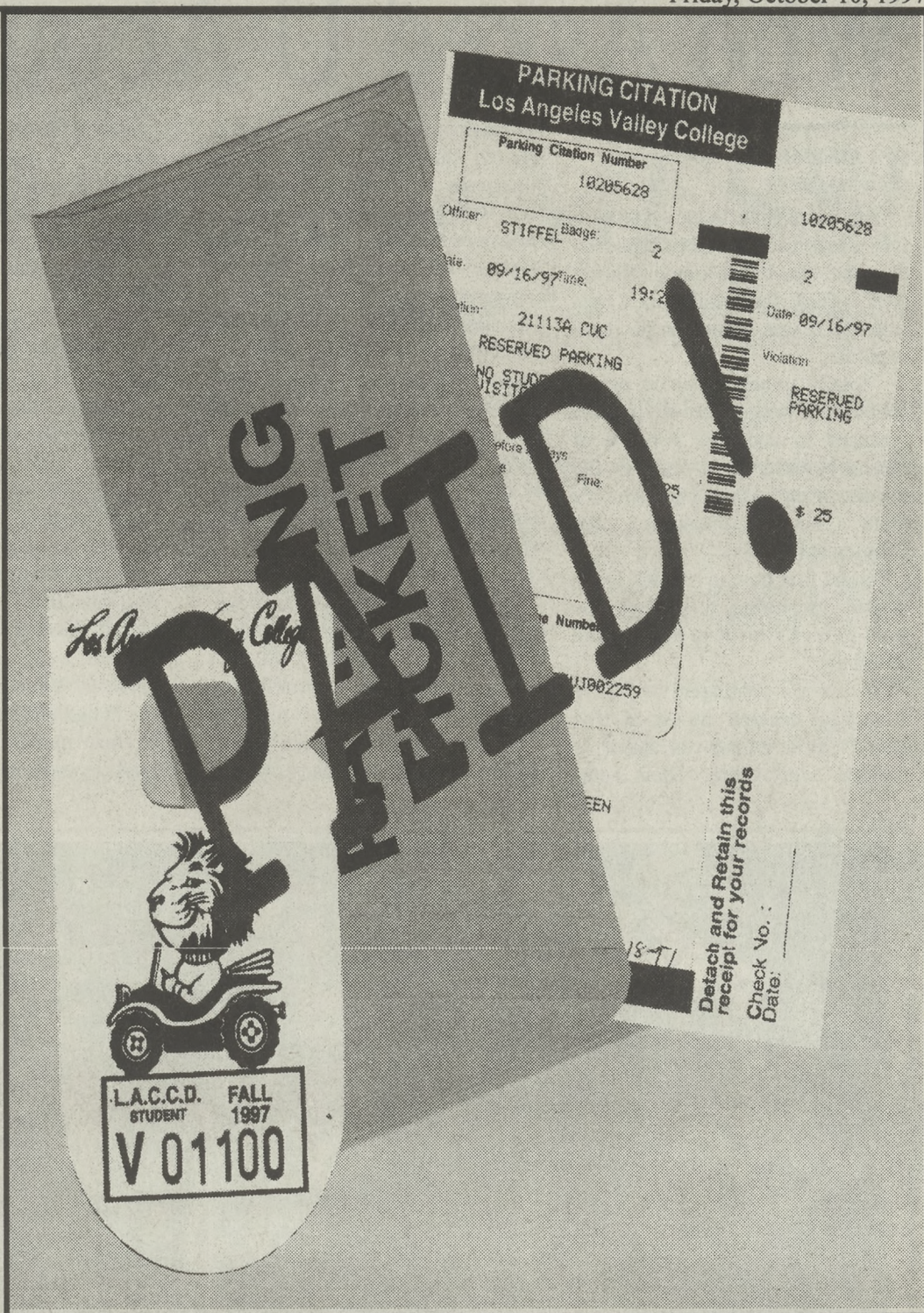


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FIND YOUR FUTURE Valley Surfs the World Wide Web

■ **Technology:** Valley College web page avail-
able to students.

By STEVE BELAND
STAR REPORTER

Web-surfing students can now visit Valley
College's web site on the information superhigh-
way.

The site, located at <http://www.lavc.cc.ca.us>, is
available to anyone who has access to a computer
equipped with a telephone line and a modem.

Web Director Jack Sterk said the site has been
operational since July.

A wealth of information about the college is
available on the site, which is subdivided into five
groups: Campus Information; Campus Links;
Course Offerings; Faculty and Staff and WWW
Services and Resources. Each group is broken
down further into individual links to specific areas
of information.

For example, admission requirements and poli-
cies can be found under the "Admissions
Information" link. Admissions applications can be
downloaded from this link in Adobe Acrobat for-
mat. Students lacking the necessary software to
download the application may request that one be
mailed to their home by sending an e-mail mes-
sage to the web director.

Sterk said the information on the site is updated
daily. He also said faculty members have e-mail
and Internet access but students do not.

Complete course descriptions for all depart-
ments and the fall 1997 class schedule are avail-
able under the "Course Offerings" link.

Information on student loans and grant pro-

grams is provided under the "Financial Aid" cam-
pus link. Eligibility requirements for these pro-
grams can also be obtained at this link.

Transfer Alliance Program (Honors) applica-
tions can be printed from its self-titled campus
link. The TAP curriculum is outlined and eligi-
bility requirements and benefits are explained.

Library hours and policies are listed under the
"Library" campus link. There are also links to
other Internet library sources such as the Library
of Congress, Los Angeles Public Library and the
USC libraries.

Cooperative Education is a program which
allows students to earn college credit for working.
The program's requirements and grading policy
are accessible under the "Cooperative Education"
campus link. There is also a fall semester seminar
schedule posted.

Under the "Fall Events Calendar" link, there is a
month-by-month listing of campus events that
take place during the fall semester.

The college has posted a master plan for the
development of an intranet on the web site, but
Sterk said that these plans are not yet complete.
An intranet is a computer network that links sev-
eral computers together in a local environment so
that constant communication can be maintained
between its users.

Additional campus links include information
about: the Academic Senate; athletics; the foren-
sics (speech) program; PACE Program/Weekend
College; Professional Media Resource Center
(PMRC); Puente Program; Shared Governance;
Staff Development; Valley College's technology
plan and faculty and staff e-mail addresses and
home pages.

Library Hours Cut From A to Z

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

Valley College's library is
more than a storage space for
books, newspapers and mag-
azines. It also provides students
with a place to study and do
research.

There are more than 115,000
books, 400 magazines and sev-
eral newspapers housed in the
library. It also has an extensive
microfilm and microfiche col-
lection and a card catalog which
lists all the books, audio cas-
settes and video cassettes.

Budget problems forced the
elimination of the library's
evening hours as of Sept. 1.

"So far the only real cuts have
been the evening hours," David
May said. "More cuts are expect-
ed."

May added that the budget for
books and periodicals will also
be reduced.

"This is not the first time bud-
get cuts have affected us. Over
the years we've had budget
reductions," May said. "We got
through it then and we'll get
through it now. It's the students
who suffer."

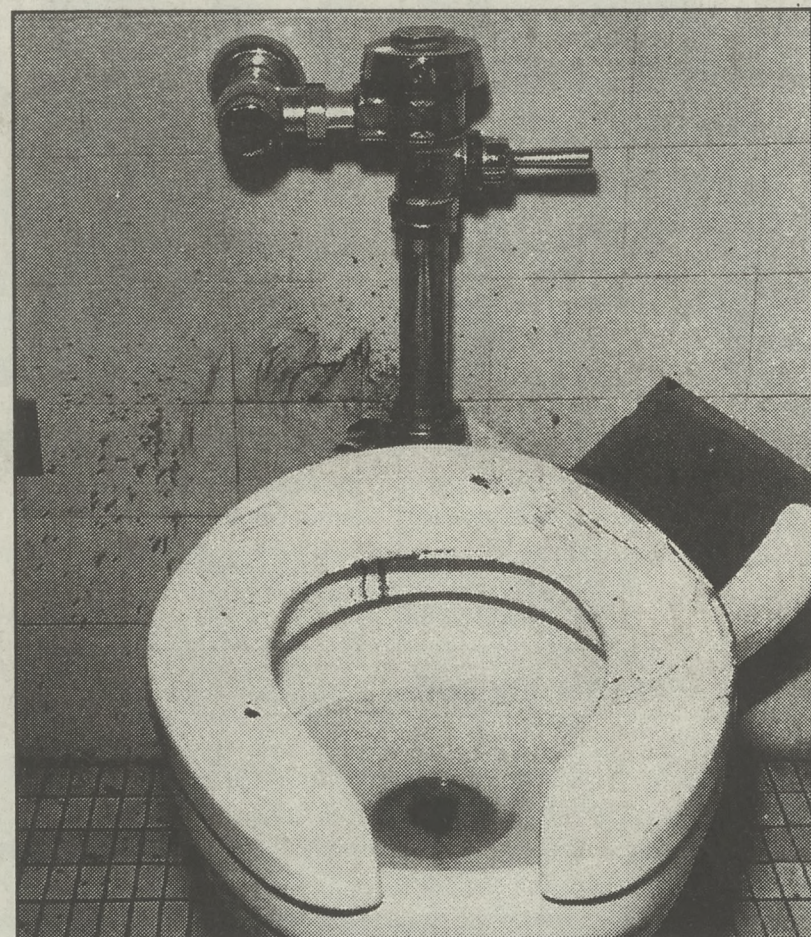
Many students say they use the

library most in the evenings.

"It is hard to find the hours to
come during the day because of
class," Suzy Gonzales said. "I
need a place to study and do
research."

The Associated Student Union
is funding Saturday hours for the
library.

Library Hours
Mon. & Tue. 8a.m. -
6p.m.
Wed. & Thurs. 10a.m.-
8p.m.
Fri. 8am - 3:30p.m.
Sat. 11a.m. - 3p.m.



Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

The women's bathroom in the Journalism Building. Is this what
your bathroom at home looks like?

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Who Asked U About Mascots?

By LEO SMITH
STAR REPORTER

An astonishing thing occurred a few weeks back when I flipped on the tube. No, I didn't laugh during ABC's TGIF, that would take a miracle. No, it was something far more insidious.

Totally unbeknownst to me, a coalition of misguided activists had managed to convince a board of flaccid bureaucrats to eradicate the mascot of one of my high school's most hated enemies: the Birmingham Braves.

For the first time in my life, I witnessed something that made me want to hurl a brick at my beloved television.

It seems a contingent of Native Americans deemed the use of "Joe Brave" as a mascot an insult to Indians everywhere. Their com-

plaints noted that the name "Brave" elicited the concept that Native Americans were warlike and vicious. This group also objected to the caricature of Joe Brave (a.k.a. Chief Pontiac) as demeaning, unjustly comparing it to others such as the Cleveland Indians' "Chief Wahoo." As complicated (and ludicrous) an issue as this might seem, their demand was deceptively simple: get a new mascot.

The inept powers that be, swayed by the boisterous, petty complaints of the Indian delegation, voted overwhelmingly in favor of this politically correct change.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge that this change has radical consequences. Not only will this policy affect the Birmingham "Braves," but also the Gardena "Mohicans" and the University "Warriors." The necessary physical

changes (uniforms, murals etc.) will prompt the egregious waste of a cool quarter of a million dollars that is badly needed elsewhere in the school district. When June hits the Valley, cultural sensitivity be damned, give me air-conditioning.

Now, you've probably heard all these arguments in the case against the removal of Chief Pontiac, so instead, let's look at the precedent this decision has inadvertently set.

Some logic deficient toadies defending the chief's removal claim to detractors that if their ethnic identity were on display, they would demand its removal too.

Well then, that's a great idea. I call upon all those people of northern European decent to protest Monroe's "Vikings" and Granada Hills' "Highlanders," for they portray their modern descendants as berserkers and barbarians.

Those of Spanish and English heritage should shudder at the thought of El Camino Real's "Conquistadors" and Fairfax's "Colonials," for those mascots portray them as plundering rapists.

I challenge the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to assail mascots such as the Van Nuys "Wolves," the Lincoln "Tigers," Crenshaw's "Cougars" and every other animal high school mascot for viciously portraying these misunderstood creatures.

The precedent has been set and the LAUSD has opened the floodgates. I call upon everyone who loved their mascot because it represented to them a symbol of pride and reverence to more than just cry foul. Get off your apathetic ass and do something. Start by writing to this column.

Next week: More mascots



Drunk Driving

■ Just remember: The person in the other car could be someone you love.

By Ben Alter
STAR REPORTER

I still don't get it. After everything that has been learned about drinking and driving, people still do it.

Yeh, yeh, I know, people are still smoking even though it's not good for them, but at least with smoking, for the most part they're only hurting themselves.

I don't want to hear about that whole second-hand smoke thing, because unlike drinking and driving with second-hand smoke, you can get away from it.

Getting back to the subject at hand, drinking and driving is one of the most senseless killers of human beings out there.

Let me tell you why this is so important to me. When I was a freshman in high school, I had a very good friend who went out one night with her boyfriend, not realizing she wouldn't be coming home that night.

What ended up happening was her boyfriend found out that she was going to break up with him and said that he was going to die with her. About 12 midnight, the two of them along with two other friends went to pick her little sister up from the movies and then went to a place called "The Shadows," where all the teenagers use to hang out.

He got drunk, and as they went

around a bend, he shut his lights off and drove head on into another car. Only two of the six people survived, the teenager in the other car and my friends little sister.

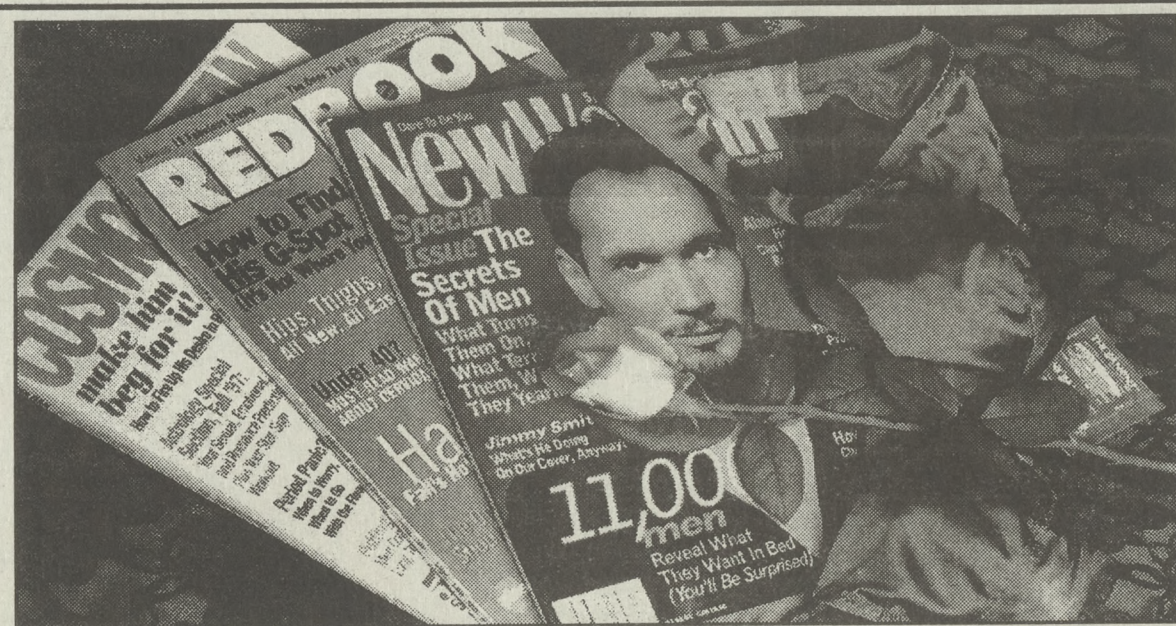
I also heard a story about a girl. She was new to her town and lied to her parents one night so that she could go out with this guy. He got high and drunk and hit another car head on. The two people in the other car died and the guy died. She was still alive but barely. When she regained consciousness, she asked the nurse to apologize to her parents for her because she had lied to them. She asked her also to apologize to the family of the people in the other car.

The nurse refused and the girl died. Someone overheard this and asked the nurse why she had denied this girl her last request.

The nurse answered him by telling him that the people in the other car were her parents.

The whole point behind these two stories is to make people understand that it's not just themselves that they're putting in danger, but everyone else on the road.

The people in the other car that could be killed could be someone you love, so think about that next time you go to the bar and decide to drive home, because while you were at the bar, you don't know if your wife may be running to the store.



Popular magazines that contain controversial topics.

Maria Ivey/Valley Star

The Truth Hurts: Sex in Magazines

By Deeanne McClain

Star Reporter

Sex. Sex. Sex.

Women's magazines think all women care about is sex and losing weight. Whatever happened to real issues? All that seems to be important anymore is the advertising dollar.

Magazines are becoming like television, splashing elaborate headlines advertising unimportant stories like a paltry tabloid. Readers are being told that they need to learn to sex their man in seven new ways, find out why he leaves the next morning and lose four inches in two weeks.

Publishers and editors seem to think women can't handle real issues and use a soap opera mentality when choosing story lines.

These tactics are obviously successful. Slick women's magazines

like Elle, Cosmopolitan, Self, Marie Claire and Essence have a combined circulation of about 21 million.

Good investigative reporting and well-written fiction in magazines seem to be a thing of the past. Even New Yorker Magazine, traditionally known for its excellent reporting and writing has been changed to target a younger and more advertiser-friendly audience.

Cosmopolitan, founded in 1886, used to be full of investigative journalism, but it's not just another sleazy women's magazine with seductive advertising that just looks pretty on the coffee table.

What about important topics that women really care about, like how to invest our incomes? Have these magazines forgotten that women represent over 50 percent of the population and that we have incredible buying and investing power?

What about serious relationship issues? Come on ladies, we really have more to be concerned about than "Better sex in 7 days," don't we?

At least magazines with some traditional values seem to be thriving. Better Homes and Gardens, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Day and Ladies' Home Journal have a combined circulation of about 23 million, according to John Vivian, author of The Media of Mass Communications.

The only problem is that these magazines are also jumping on the bandwagon by featuring tawdry story lines that appeal to advertisers like, "11,000 men reveal what they want in bed," and "How to fake it and make it great for him anyway."

Magazines have been and continue to be an important part of our reading society. According to Vivian, magazine industry studies

show that almost 90 percent of United States adults read an average of 10 magazines a month and the income of these readers averages 5 percent more than the national average.

Assuming that is true, this means that advertisers and magazine editors think that professionals want to read snappy, upbeat, non-serious material that hardly pertains to our priorities.

What is our society coming to? One would assume that editors would see the professional woman as more than some giddy debutante.

How many of us buy \$300 outfits? How many make-overs can one woman have? The idea that they think women have so little to think about is repugnant. Our priorities as women are surely more substantial than what we see in print, aren't they?

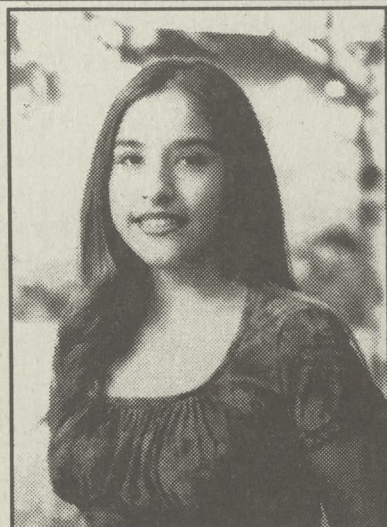
Women, we should let the magazines know that we want to read about more interesting topics. That is what letters to the editor are for. We should point out that we have real lives to attend to that could use a little attention. More important issues between men and women should be covered like communication, finances and trust.

How about things that are going on in the world with professional women? We do have female political leaders don't we? Isn't it possible that we are interested in what they are doing?

What about women's health issues or clothes we can actually afford with our budgets? What about real life?

The next time you pick up a magazine, ask yourself, "Does this really inform me of anything?" If it doesn't, a letter to the editor might just change that.

What's Important to You?



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"I think sex as a topic is really important because most people want to know what other people are thinking. It's interesting, otherwise they wouldn't pick it up."

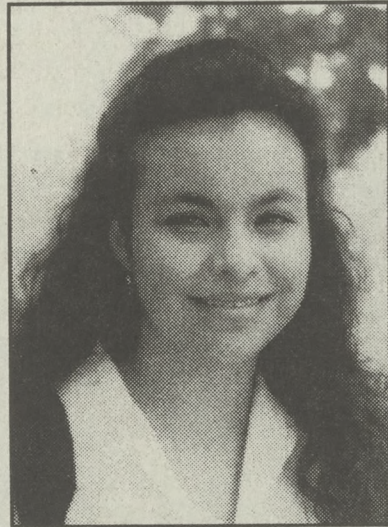
Elizabeth Hernandez



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"The focus is on the outer parts of a woman, like how to get a man. What about how to achieve, get a Ph.D. or giving back to your society instead of just focusing on yourself?"

Rasheda Young



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"What's important to me is college life, fitting in with the crowd and getting comfortable with my surroundings."

Alma Davila



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"Well, I think magazines should be about sex. If men's magazines can talk about it, why can't the women's magazines?"

Erica Melero



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"I would want to see more stories about racing cars. That would be a nice change."

Sharon Valencia

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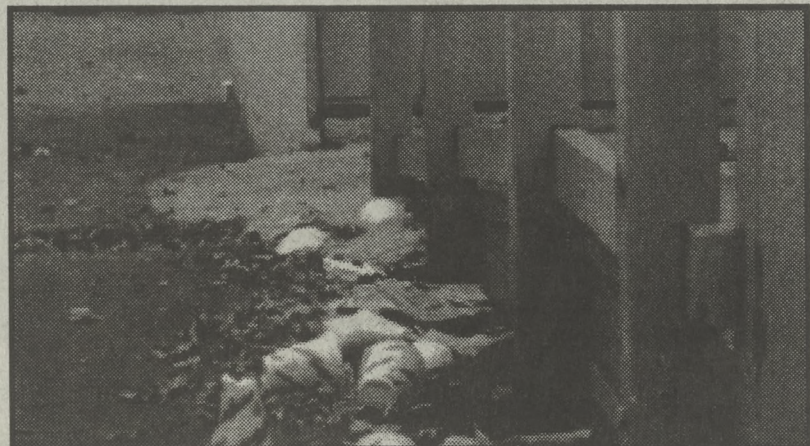
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VALLEY STAR EDITORIAL...

Enough is Enough - Pick Up Your MESS!

The only thing multiplying faster than the cats at Valley College is the trash and debris being thrown around campus.

At times, there seems to be no end to the evidence of people's bad habits.



Carola Danielson/Valley Star

From the disgusting filth in the bathrooms to the piles of garbage thrown in corners, the condition of the campus is unhealthy and pathetic.

Whose trash is it? Mr. Nobody's - the person left standing when everyone else says, "Not mine?" Who is going to clean it up? Certainly not Mr. Nobody!

Everyone expects the custodians and maintenance workers to clean up the campus because it's their job. Here's some news for you. It's not happening!

Students, this is our campus. It's easy to blame someone else for the trash strewn around campus, but what about the mess that's in the bathrooms?

The bathrooms are, at times, atrocious. Since the faculty has their own bathrooms and it's the students' facilities which are in shoddy condition, it is easier to see who's to blame.

There are many students who take pride in our campus and then there are those few who just don't care.

Ignoring the problem does not make it better. The custodians and the maintenance workers say that the students can help out in several ways.

First, don't leave your trash laying around; put it in the trash cans. If the trash can is full, look for another one nearby.

Secondly, inform any custodian, maintenance worker or faculty member of the littered area. They aren't asking students to do their job for them, just to help out by being responsible.

Valley College could be a great looking campus if everyone pitched in. It is the responsibility of every student and faculty member to try and make a difference. We cannot claim ignorance.

We all see the problem. Now let's do something about it. If the trash is piling up because the custodians are not aware of it, we must make them aware of it.

Custodians may be reached by calling extension 301 from any campus telephone.

Get involved and make a difference. Report the mess.

Outrageous Hollywood Salaries

By KIM BARNES
Star Reporter

Jim Carrey, Demi Moore, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Kevin Costner are just a few of today's Hollywood actors that command salaries in the six figure range. Salaries seem to increase year after year.

What's even more amazing is the lack of justification for these outrageous salary increases.

Today, actors are able to ask for and receive larger salaries with each movie they make. This is true even if their last film (or last two or three films) performed miserably at the box office.

In my opinion, this occurs because we, (the movie-going public) tend to put actors on some sort of pedestal.

We view actors as some type of gods, simply because of their ability to entertain us.

For example, just because Demi Moore decides to bare all in the movie "Striptease," does this justify her \$12 million salary? In my opinion, it does not.

Taking off your clothes for a movie is not the same as trying to find a cure for cancer or helping the poor and sick in Calcutta. In other words, doesn't it seem to make more sense to pay this sort of salary to someone who is doing something really productive and helping society?

Don't get me wrong, I know celebrities work hard and sacrifice quite a bit to become successful. I also know that some celebrities donate some of their time and money to worthy causes. This is all very admirable. However, maybe just one celebrity could start a trend by agreeing to donate half of their astronomical salaries to a charity (or charities) of their choice.

By doing this, they will not only be helping society, but they will also make

themselves look good in the eyes of their adoring public.

Another negative point about outrageous celebrity salaries, is the cost of movie tickets. As stars' salaries continue to escalate, studio production costs skyrocket. This increase is of course, passed on to those of us that like to go to the movies. The last time I checked, movie tickets were \$7.50 per person. On a Saturday night date, with popcorn, drinks, etc., the evening could easily cost \$35. On a college student's budget, that is not a very realistic date.

Overall, I'm not condemning actors for receiving such large salaries. Who of us would refuse such a high a salary if it were offered.

However, I am suggesting that Hollywood check out other options (such as those mentioned earlier) when putting together deals with their stars.

Lead Guitarist for Quiet Riot Pistol Whipped in Home Invasion Robbery

By ANGELA LUSSIER
Star Reporter

Recently next door neighbor and close friend Carlos Cavaso was knocked over the head and tied up in his own home by two gunmen who asked for drugs, money and guns. He thought he was going to die. He was able to determine a small window of opportunity and escape through his back door, wearing only his boxer shorts.

God was with both of us that night. As he turned the corner of our street, a police cruiser just happened to be coming his way. They were able to apprehend one of the suspects immediately and the other (after making his way through the neighborhood) about thirty minutes later, two and a half blocks away.

I had left his house at around 8:30pm to get back to work on a project at home. At one point I couldn't find my keys and thought I had left them at Carlos' house. I

thought I'd go over to see, but for some strange reason, my screen door was stuck shut. I couldn't get it open so I just went back to work again. Later, when the helicopters and cruisers were outside, I called Carlos and I learned of the robbery.

Having already lost a loved one through violence, this was quite traumatic for me (let alone him). The thought of my friend losing his life to a random act of violence made me angry. I thought to myself, where did those guys come from? What kind of relationship did they have with their family? What led them to this?

I am constantly reminded of the conservative view that blames our violent society on liberals - like me.

We are not stupid, nor do we act from our bleeding hearts, or out of guilt. I think that is the difference between conservatives & liberals. We look at the cause of the problem with open minds and compassion while conservatives just want to punish. This serves as a vicarious satisfaction for conser-

vatives since many of them subconsciously realize that they are in need of discipline themselves.

I can only speak for myself when I say I have little pity or concern for the damaged goods that commit random acts of violence in our society because there is little that can be done by then. I only wonder about them because I'd like to see the cycle end and in order to do that we need to address the issue of our children. I do, however, have great empathy for victims of abuse that have the presence of mind to retaliate against their abusers, be it a wife beater, an incestuous father, or a cigarette burning, child beating mother.

Yes, laws need to be changed so that these types of crimes do not carry with them the same penalties as those who commit cruel random acts against innocent victims.

It is not my bleeding heart that cries out for social programs for our children, or equal opportunity, or affirmative action. It is self-preservation on behalf of the human race.

Letters

Dear Valley Star,

Thank you for addressing the important issue of CPR (Issue 16, Sept. 25, 1997). However, your article needs a little clarification in the area of what to do if you find someone who needs CPR to live, but you are afraid to do it because of the risk of getting AIDS, or something else bad (#1 concern on your list).

When you mention that there are "special breathing apparatuses" available, you make it sound like you need scuba gear or something. Actually, these devices are cheap, easy to use, and small enough to fit in a pocket or purse.

They consist of a one way valve and a clear plastic barrier that goes over the nose and mouth of the victim. You can blow air into the persons mouth and lungs, but the one way valve keeps anything from coming back your way, and the plastic shield provides a barrier

between you and the victim's face. These devices cost under \$10 and anyone who knows CPR can easily use one. I always carry one in my school backpack.

They are not foolproof, but they do provide a great degree of protection and peace of mind if you decide to do CPR. No decent person wants to stand by helplessly while someone else dies.

As your article mentioned, the Red Cross teaches regular classes in CPR. It takes about four hours to learn, and you are certified for a full year. You are provided with an I.D. card, which lessens the chance of a lawsuit (#2 concern on your list).

I am currently certified by the Red Cross in both adult CPR and standard first aid. In the past, I was a combat medic for two years.

Thanks again for an informative article.

Most respectfully, Daniel Hersh

What Are You Going To Do About It?



Courtesy of Touchstone Television

Ellen Out WHERE?

By ANGELA LUSSIER
Star Reporter

Recently in a headline, the Calendar section of the LA Times asked, "She's out, but where?" Well, I'll tell you where. She's out into the conscience of television viewers everywhere, and that's where she, and the whole of gay humanity, should be.

Why is that? It's because through the ages gays have been shamed into hiding in closets all over the world. Bible-quoting zealots spew their judgment and hatred and ignore the Scriptures about judging others and casting the first stone.

The choice vs. nature debate permeates the discussions and thoughts of armchair philosophers the world over.

Well here's a thought: It's like most everything else, a little of both. Sexual orientation is on a continuum. We are born somewhere along it, either to one end or the other, with attraction to the opposite sex and the same sex at opposite ends of the spec-

trum.

Most of us are somewhere in between making it easier, depending on where we are, to conform to a culture's standards. Those closer to the ends of the continuum find it much harder to adapt to these man-made expectations of one another.

Imagine telling a black man he must be white in order to be acceptable - well, that never happens...

The pain this society has inflicted on people because of their sexual preference, be it more or less of a choice, is indefensible. It has contributed largely to the enormous suicide rate among our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

So, Ellen came out. What a courageous thing to do. She traded in one burden for another, her own personal struggle, with that of the ideals of tolerance and acceptance for all who cause no harm to others but are judged by their lifestyles.

What are you going to do about it?

What's Your Opinion?

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Child Development Consortium Lends Students a Helping Hand

■**Programs:** CDC has been helping students with hands-on training for 15 years.

By STEVE BELAND
STAR REPORTER

Students yearning to shape young children's lives have a new incentive to seek their California Child Development Permits.

The incentive, partial tuition reimbursement for child development classes, was furnished by the Child Development Training Consortium.

Established in 1982, the consortium's goal is to improve the quality of programs for children by helping students pay for their community college course work while they are employed in child development programs, according to its mission statement.

Child Development Training Coordinator Lauren Okayama said the consortium's funding is provided by a block grant from the California Department of Education.

The consortium benefits child development students in several ways. For example, students can receive partial reimbursement of tuition fees while taking classes toward the child development permit. Students are also reimbursed for required infant, child and adult CPR training, which can be taken in the Child Development 10 class.

Okayama added that the consortium will pay for a student's first-time application fee for the child development permit and that students are reimbursed for the cost of being fingerprinted during the

application process. The consortium will reimburse application fees up to the maximum amount of \$126 per student.

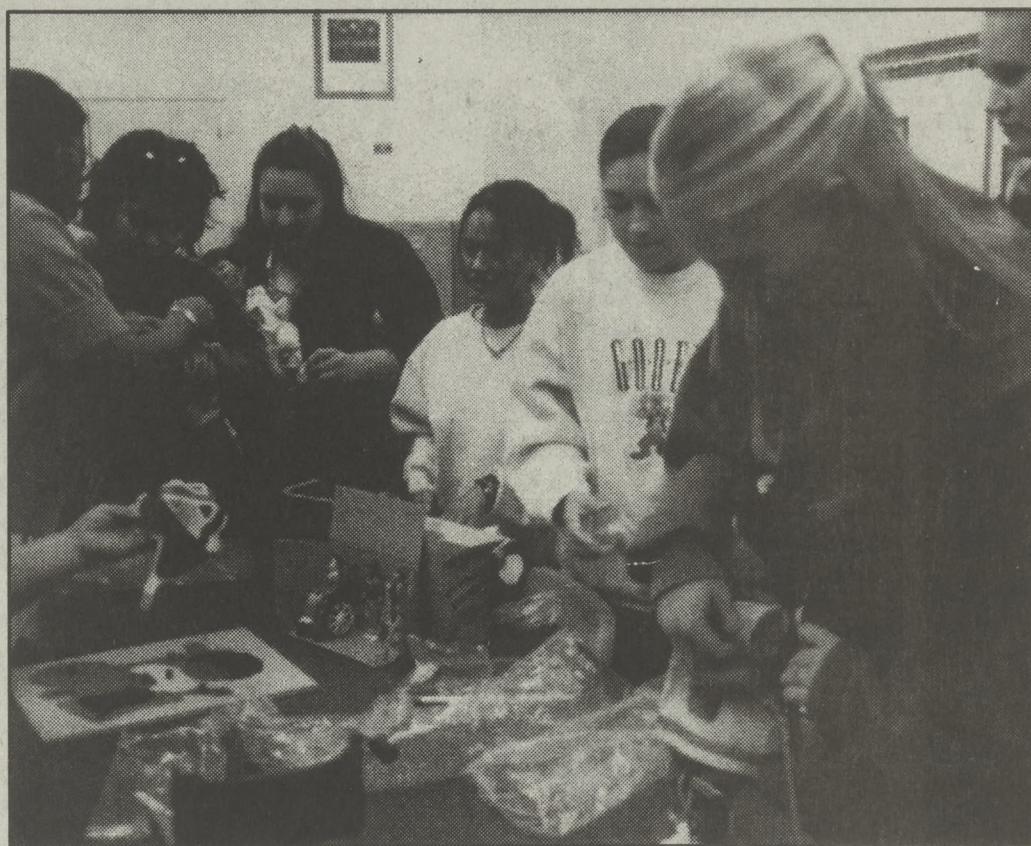
The child development permit is required for students seeking employment in government-funded programs such as Head Start.

Okayama said the consortium's grant also paid for improvements to the child development laboratory in the Math/Science building. For example, students now have a real sand table (a small version of a sandbox) to show children, when in previous semesters they had to describe what one looked like because they had none.

"This program is very beneficial to students because they receive help in school and in applying for their permits," Okayama said.

The deadline for applying to the program was Sept. 19. However, Okayama said the program is ongoing and interested child development students may pick up an application at the child development office in Math/Science 114 or by contacting her at (818) 781-1200, extension 288. Applications are also handed out in child development classes at the beginning of each semester.

Okayama estimated that at least 50 people have applied for the fall semester and she said the department expects this number to grow



Luis O. Vasquez/Valley Star

Valley College students in Child Development 42 use dolls to learn about cultural differences and disabilities.

each semester as students become more aware of the program. She added that there are 1500 students enrolled in the child development department and approximately 100 of them received reimbursement for tuition and CPR training last semester.



(Left to right) Linda E. Thomas, Marla Halac, Maria Ivey, Rebekah Fowler, Carola Danielsson and John Tarr display awards achieved at the JACC competitions in Cal State Fullerton.

Valley College Students Get Honored at JACC

By CAROLA DANIELSSON
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Valley College students competed at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' 25th annual Southern Section Conference at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday.

Valley College students won awards for the spring 1997 publication of the Crown magazine and the spring 1997 publications of the Valley Star.

Ranked Awards-Newspaper

Investigative News Story: Linda E. Thomas
Journalism Ethics Essay: Linda E. Thomas
News Story, Second Place: Linda E. Thomas

Honorable Mentions-Newspaper

Editorial: Linda E. Thomas
Editorial: Linda E. Thomas
Front Page Design: Valley Star
Informational Graphic: Linda E. Thomas
News Photo: Maria Ivey
Opinion Story: Linda E. Thomas
Photo Essay/Story: Maria Ivey/Linda E. Thomas

Ranked Awards-Magazine

Magazine Opinion: First Place, Linda E. Thomas
Magazine News-Feature: Second Place, John Tarr
Magazine Photo: Second Place, John Tarr
Magazine Photo/Essay: Second Place, John Tarr
Magazine Photo: Third Place, Carola Danielsson
Magazine Photo: Fourth Place, John Tarr

Honorable Mentions-Magazine

Magazine Illustration: Leo Smith
Magazine Profile Article: John Tarr

On-The-Spot-Competition Honorable Mentions

Bring-In-Photo: Marla Halac
Critical Review: Liz Barrett
Sports Photo: Carola Danielsson

The JACC is an organization made up of community college journalism programs that holds regional competition conferences every year.

Counseling: the Way to Begin

Continued from Page 1

"Especially if they want to transfer to a university, because they have to take certain classes and they have to make sure they have transferrable credits."

The counselors available for general counseling are Department Chairperson, Dr. Synthia Saltoun, Dr. Steven Sachs, Rick Brossman, Margaret

Chung, Fay Dea, Ann Gee, Barbara Goldberg, Clive Gordon, Sister Grace Rabideau, Reggie Reed and Bruce Thomas. Students interested in transferring should speak with Dr. Michael Gold. Foreign language students should speak to Ramiro Rosillo.

"The counselors teach you what your major boundaries are,

they tell you what your general education is and they suggest to you which classes to take and it really helps," said Eun Mee Hahn, child development major.

The counseling center is located in the administration building lobby.

Counselors are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7

p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. telephone appointments can be made Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"I want to go see a counselor to help me to decide which are the right classes to take and to advise me in which order to make it easier," said Erika Ascencio, nursing major.

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Clubs, Parties and Raves... Oh My!



By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The lines are long, the price is high and attendance is limited. Still, clubs are at the top of the party lists.

Clubs offer a large variety of music, dance floors, beverages, and they serve as hosts for Southland partygoers from Lancaster all the way to Orange County.

Since clubs are legal, partygoers attend clubs because they don't have to worry about going home early.

The only thing partygoers have to worry about is making the club's cover charge, mostly over \$10, the age limit is either 18 or 21, and the dress code which includes: no t-shirts, tennis shoes, or baggy attire.

The only difference between clubs are the age limits. They all have the same objective in mind, "keeping the party scene alive."

Partygoers attend clubs in search of a night of dancing while meeting members of the opposite sex.

Promoters attract partygoers by producing animated flyers, introducing famous DJs and by distributing free giveaways.

Partygoers attend these events because they're inexpensive.

Parties are held in every community in Southern California with prices usually between \$3 for a house party, \$7, if the event is held at a hall and even group discounts.

Partygoers not only save on entrance fees, they also save on gas for their vehicles.

Their only worries are going home early when the event gets raided and avoiding curfew tickets.

Raves, a moderation of the 60s party scene, has been giving partygoers the opportunity to have fun while getting away from it all.

The lasers, strobes, projectors and different type of music keep partygoers in dancing moods all through the night.

The attendance usually exceeds 1,000 so they are held at gig locations like vacant warehouses, recreation centers and sometimes out in the desert.

Raves are usually legal. Those events which the promoter didn't get permission for might get raided by police. The good side of raves is they are worth the \$15 to \$20 partygoers pay. If an event does end up raided, promoters try their best to get another location, transfer the DJ equipment and get started again.

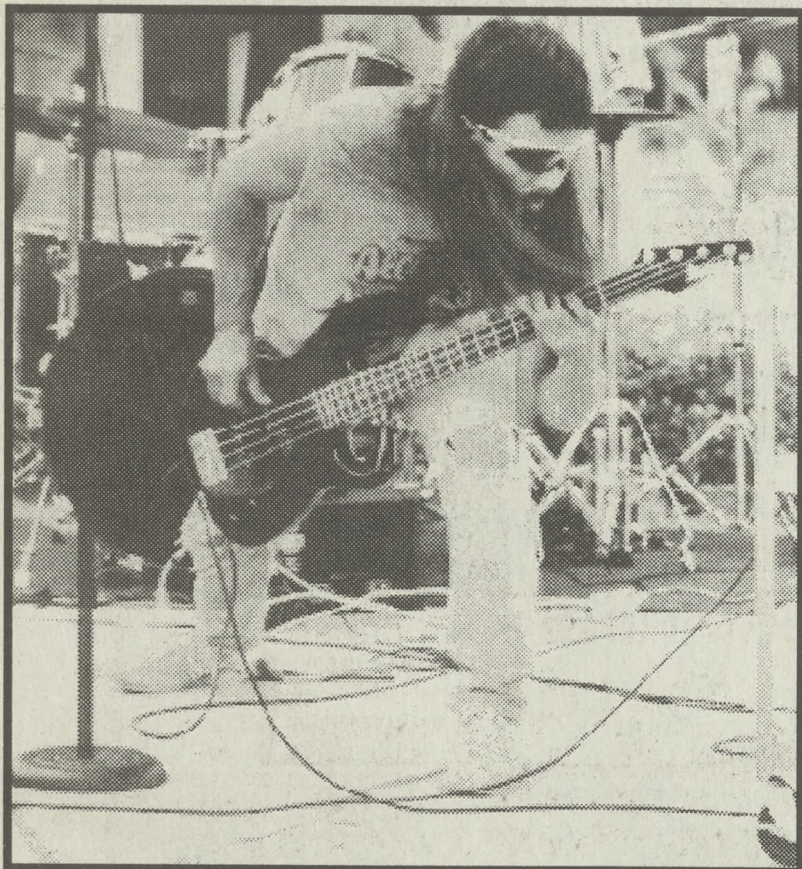
Rarely does a fight break out at raves. Those in attendance are caught up into the group activities such as sitting in circles where they smoke and give each other massages.

Because a dress code is not enforced, partygoers show up at raves with painted faces, colorful outfits and cereal boxes converted into backpacks.

Differences

Clubs	Parties	Raves
-Price: \$10-\$15.	-Price: \$3 house, \$7 hall.	-Price: \$15-\$20.
-Location: Halls	-Location: Houses or halls.	-Location: Vacant warehouses, recreational areas or the desert.
-Dress Code: No t-shirts, tennis shoes or baggy attire.	-Dress Code: No gang attire	-Dress Code: None
-Age limit: Mostly 18 or 21 and over	-Age Limit: None	-Age Limit: None

007 Gets In Trouble With the Law



Jeff Kraft performs in the free speech area.

Maria Ivey/ Valley Star

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

Campus police confronted band 007 as the trio preformed at Valley College on Sept. 24 to promote their CD entitled "License To Thrill."

Although their performance in the free speech area was promoted by Leon Harding, the Associated Student Union vice-president, for their seventh Valley College appearance, the band was asked to lower their music by a campus police officer.

"It was trippy," said Jeff Kraft, band spokesman and guitarist.

"They were playing too loud," said campus police officer Frank Dallas. "We got a lot of complaints because there were classes going on at the time."

According to Officer Dallas, the band stopped their music and

left.

"It wasn't exactly what we expected," Mike Hander, 007's bass player, said. "We expected more people."

The promotion of the band's 10 song album will lead them across the nation.

According to Kraft, 007 is unique because its members are from different places in the United States.

Kraft, who graduated from a musicians institute in 1989, is from Kansas City, KS. Hander, from New York City, NY, has been playing professionally for 14 years and Steve Bernandino, 007 drum player, is from Chatsworth, CA.

Currently 007, which has been together since May, is working on a new CD which they plan to bring out by next year. The CD will include 13 songs.

"We thought it was cool," Kraft

said about the band's name.

According to Kraft, the band wants to be like James Bond, Agent 007, because "he is always beating the bad guy and getting the beautiful girl."

"Black Widow," "Awesome," and "Make Your Dreams" are the album's top hits which the band plans to bring out as singles.

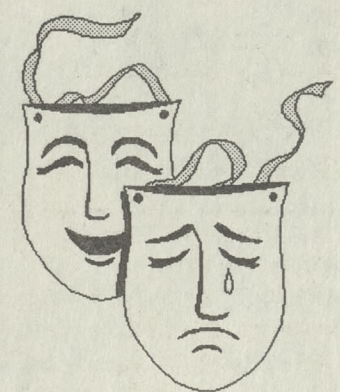
Bernandino said that he would like "Not So Easy," another of 007's hit songs, to be brought out as a single.

"We're trying to form a fan-based relationship," Kraft said.

Hander said that another of the band's goals is making their own label which will allow them to produce their own CD from start to finish.

007 performs at the Roxy Theater in Hollywood Oct. 17. For more info on this and other events, call the 007 information line at (800) 988-7708.

Calendar



-The Theater Arts Department presents:

The Return of Monty Python's Flying Circus. The first one-act of the season, directed by Aubrey L. West, will perform Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Valley College Shoebox Theater.



-The Queen Mary's Shipwreck will triple

October's fright with three terrifying mazes beginning Oct. 10. For more information contact the Queen Mary at (562) 435-3511.



-The Valley College Music Department presents

Robert Chauls and the Valley Symphony Orchestra in the Little Theater at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 12.

The Valley College Wind Ensemble will perform at the Green Music Building patio at 6 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Kate Lewis and Adrian San Vicente will perform their guitar skills in the Music Recital Hall on Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

Things to Avoid During the Month of Halloween

-Don't let any of Valley College's black cats cross your path.

-Don't walk under the ladder of the men fixing our air conditioners.

-Make sure you get your feet out of the way when the janitor sweeps the hall with his broom.

-In the cafeteria, make sure your coffee is not a witch's secret brew.

-In class, watch out for the flickering lights. Is it a ghost or just electrical problems?

-In the halls, avoid stepping on the cracks on the floor. Remember, this is Southern California.

Dear Iris & Angie

Dear Iris and Angie,

I am a full time college student and mother to two daughters. I have had a couple of setbacks in my life that are affecting me both financially and mentally. I find myself so overwhelmed at times that I have very little patience. For the most part I am not a violent person but lately I've been pushed to the limit. I had an altercation a week ago and I lost control. I am not really worried about hurting myself or my daughters but I am concerned about my short fuse. I stress about things I have no control over, yet I don't know how to not let it bother me. What should I do?

Signed Down and Out.

Dear Down and Out,

Burnout is a common problem among college students, let alone being a parent on top of it. Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. You are doing the right thing by going to school, and even though it's something that you are doing for yourself, it's still a drain. At least you know that your current school load will be over at the end of the semester. Depending on your situation, you may want to reassess your school workload next time around. It's important for you to continue your education, but your daughters must come first. In the long run, reevaluating your commitments, and allowing time for yourself will be well worth it.

Angie

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David Baldwin/Valley Star
Tony De La Torre bites his nails on the sideline during a loss to Bakersfield.

Bakersfield Renegades Overthrow Monarchs

DAVID BALDWIN
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

It was a damp and chilly night and Valley's bleachers were filled with fans. No sound came from the home crowd the Monarchs were losing.

The Bakersfield Renegade fans could be heard echoing through the stadium, chanting and raving for their team. In their first home game of the season, the Monarchs lost 25-7.

The Renegades were heard telling each other that they were doing great. All they had to do was hold the Monarchs for five more minutes.

The Monarchs were heard consoling each other and told themselves they had done their best, but they lost, but they would win the next game. As the final buzzer sounded,

booing roared from the Valley bleachers, and cheering came from the visitor's. The Monarchs lowered their heads for just a moment after the buzzer, then raised them high as they returned to the field to congratulate the Bakersfield players.

The Monarchs returned to their sideline with their heads held high, after congratulating Bakersfield. The Renegades would travel back to Bakersfield with friends, family and the victory. In the first quarter, Valley almost stopped the Renegade offense, but they allowed two field goals, the first coming with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter started with the Renegades scoring the second of their first half field goals. With the second half closing, the first touchdown of the game occurred, as

the Renegades made a five yard run for the touchdown, but they missed the two-point conversion.

The Monarchs tried to come back in the third quarter, but they were only able to come up with seven points, with an 83 yard punt return by Leaford Hackett, and Fernando Arias making the extra point.

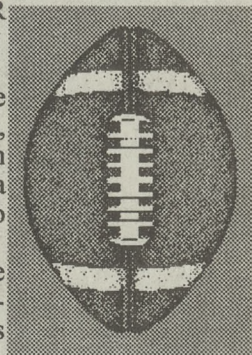
In the fourth quarter, the Renegades put the nail in the coffin when they scored a touchdown and made the extra point. The final score Bakersfield 25, Valley 7.

The Monarchs next home game is Homecoming, when they will face off against Pierce College on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend will be able to view the game on television. TCI cable will be broadcasting the game. For more information, please contact TCI at (818)376-0333.

OPINION

The Transition of a Football Team

By BEN ALTER
STAR REPORTER



Number three in the nation, number two in the state and a win in the No Fear Bowl.

That's how the Monarch's finished last year's football season.

With the end of the season came a major change in the staff. At the end of last season, Head Coach Jim Fenwick moved on to the University level when he accepted a job at CSUN.

Offensive Coordinator Gary Barlow replaced Fenwick.

How has Barlow done so far this season? Well in my opinion, he's done pretty well.

So far, they have played four games and won four. That's pretty good.

Yeah, he might have come in to a top ranked team, but this isn't the NFL, so he doesn't get to keep the players for many years. He only gets to keep his players for two years and some players only one year.

He has the team playing strong football and more importantly he has them playing like a team.

Of course there is always the minor problems that all teams have, like inexperience.

One problem this team has that I have noticed, is that they don't come out as strong in the first half as strong as the should. I don't know if it's just from being cold, or if they want to make their opponents feel overconfident, but they need to wake up in the first half so that they don't have to come back from behind in the second half.

The team has some strong starters and good backup players and Barlow has done a great job, and if he continues to work them hard with good discipline, this team has the ability to do even better than last year.

Premiere Team Shoots For League Win

BY LINDA E. THOMAS
STAR REPORTER

"Shoot! Shoot!" a water polo player yells from the far end of the pool.

"Be-a-u-u-u-u-i-f-u-l," another calls out, while a dozen arms wildly splash across the water.

"It's a save!" one coach bellows as a shrill whistle blows, ending the dawn practice.

In its premiere semester at Valley College, the women's water polo team is practicing hard and improving with every game. Head Coach Wonmeen Jun said Monday. The team slammed Santa Monica College last week, 25-11. At 6-5 overall and 2-0 in the Western State Conference, the team is tied for first place in the conference with Citrus College.

"I've seen drastic improvements from the start of the semester to now," Jun said. "They've improved their shots, shot selection, passing, defense and overall speed in the water. We're a lot more physical team now."

In the game against Santa Monica Oct. 1, Stephanie Hammer

scored nine goals, Paulette Bonetti scored five and Lianna Kishimoto scored four. Goalie Mellisa Minkey had 10 saves and scored a full-length two-pointer.

"I think we're doing great," player Maureen Tansey said. "When you look at the first day of practice and now, it's a huge, huge improvement."

The players have improved in working as a team, handling the ball and in the knowledge of the rules of the game, Minkey said.

"Aquatics is our life," Tansey said.

After a typical daily practice, 14 shivering players reach for their towels seeking sunny spots in the early morning light.

Tansey and her teammates have already clocked two hours in a pool at hard physical training before most students are even awake.

"I've been a swimmer for 12 years," Minkey said. "This is my second year playing water polo. I played in high school. It's great playing on a first-year team."

Even the best first-year teams are not without their challenges.

"The greatest challenge with a new team is trying to get everyone to play my style of water polo," Jun said. "And, trying to get everyone on the 'same page.'" Jun played on the Valley College men's water polo team in 1991-92 and has coached for two local high schools.

The team's toughest game will be against Citrus College, Jun said.

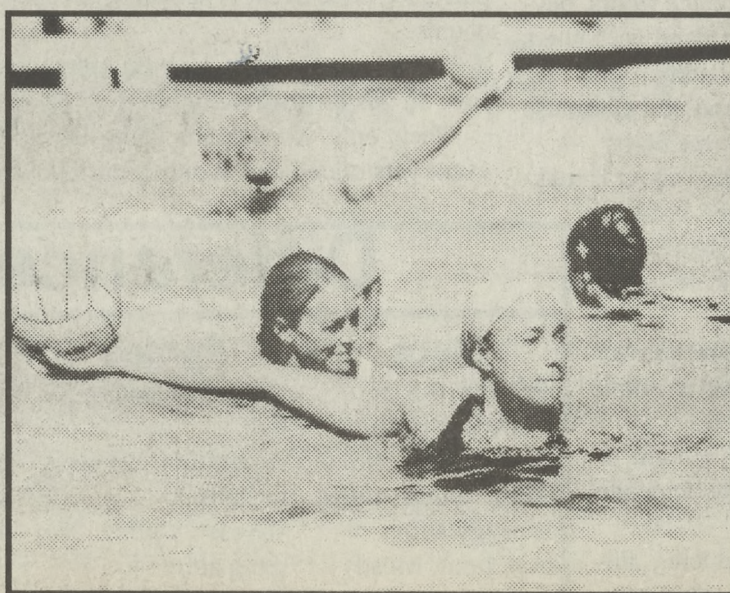
"They're looking to be the top in the conference," Jun said. "Physically, they don't overpower us, but they have a lot more experience than we do."

The team will play in the Citrus College Tournament Friday and Saturday.

"They just might win the league," Valley College Athletic Director Chuck Ferraro said.

Their next home game is against Fullerton Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

"One thing about this team is we have a lot of heart and a lot of pride," Jun said. "Everyone wants to do well. I enjoy coaching players like that. We're a good team, and we should be contending right up there around the top."



Carola Danielsson/Valley Star
A member of the women's water polo team practices taking shots at the goal.

Athletes of the Month September, 1997

Name: Randall Lane

Sport: Football

Grade Level: Sophomore

High School: Simson, Chicago, Illinois

Accomplishments: Randall has caught 22 passes in two games and leads the state in passes per game.

Name: Melissa Minkey

Sport: Women's Water Polo

Grade Level: Freshman

High School: Crescenta Valley

Accomplishments: Melissa is a goalie and she has recorded 83 saves in ten games.

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